

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Real Battle"

By Darel Boston

They gave me a uniform, they gave me a gun.

They taught me to fight; told me, "Don't run!"

They waved the great flag, Old Glory, with pride.

They taught love of country for which many died.

They taught me sharp discipline: "When you hear, you obey!"

Your job is to follow! No questions! "they say.

So now I can fight, I can shoot, I can charge!

I'm taught to fear no one, regardless how large.

While killing's not good, it's a have-to, I see;

For if I miss him, he's sure to get me.

So I'll kill as I'm taught. I'll charge, never run...

I'll go for the battle. I'll fight with a gun.

But I know those I'm shooting, take orders just as I.

Their own choice and preference: neither to kill nor to die.

So why all this bloodshed: how is it begun?

Who is so fond of war that we're always in

one? Well, there are freedoms at stake, there's butchery by men

Whose only desire is to get all they can.

There are women and children, whole countries of men

That will be left defenseless if we don't fight again.

And fight again and again because there's such lust In the hearts of so many who refuse to be just.

We fight not in joy, we kill not in pride.

The memories we're making a lifetime can't hide.

But we fight this grim war feeling this way's the less;

Less tragic, less horrid than tyranny's mess.

But the war we are fighting we will never win,

Because the enemy is not flesh and blood; the enemy's within:

The enemy that only God can defeat,

The enemy that only Christ's blood can delete.

Oh friend, I'm in war and it's bloody and sad.

But the real battle is everywhere. Your plight is just as bad.

Don't pray for my troubles, then live like the devil.

For then you are the enemy our efforts would level.

Kneel down in contrition, as I must each day.

Fight your own battle, learn how to pray.

Pray for world peace, blood letting no longer?

Pray first for conversions, making men stronger.

For while men are blind in spirit and soul,

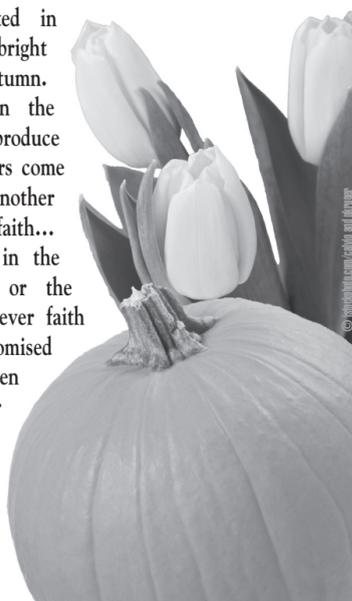
The machinery of war will continue to roll.

But Jesus brings vision, by His light men see---

Spread Your vision, dear Lord, through the church and through me!

Pumpkins and Tulips

Pumpkin seeds planted in the spring produce bright orange orbs come autumn. Tulip bulbs placed in the ground in the autumn produce vibrantly colored flowers come springtime. There is another seed...the seed of faith... that may be planted in the springtime of youth or the autumn of life. Whenever faith is planted, God has promised love and mercy when we accept Him as our Father. Visit your house of worship this week; plant your seed of faith in the care of the Creator. He tends pumpkins...and tulips.



Sunday Micah 1.1-16	Monday Micah 2.1-13	Tuesday Micah 3.1-12	Wednesday Micah 4.1-13	Thursday Micah 5.1-15	Friday Micah 6.1-16	Saturday Micah 7.1-20
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